

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, independent claim 1, 14, and 23 have been amended to clarify salient aspects of the invention and those as well as other claims have been amended to improve form. No new matter is presented and, accordingly, approval and entry of the foregoing amended claims are respectfully requested.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-30 are pending herein and all thereof are rejected.

ITEM 3: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-30 FOR OBVIOUSNESS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(A) OVER URANO ET AL. (U.S. PATENT 6,202, 158) U.S. PATENT NO. 6,202,158 ("URANO") AND "CUMMER, LAWRENCE, SECURITY GETS A WHOLE NEW FACE, INTO WORLD CANADA, MAY, 1997 PAGES 1 - 2" ("CUMMER")

The rejections are respectively traversed.

Urano describes a network system for detecting an illegal use of a computer system wherein, when predetermined conditions are established as an access to a local computer, it is determined that the access is an illegal use of the computer, and the illegal access is notified to a managing computer.

In Cummer, a record of the snapshot is stored with each transaction for later audits. --this transaction record acts as a deterrent to those attempting unauthorized entry..." is described.

Applicants respectfully submit that the image information control of the present invention, as recited in independent claims 1, 14 and 23, differs patentably from the detection method of illegal access to a computer system described in Urano. Particularly, in accordance with the present invention, when predetermined conditions of an illegal use are established, image information of the user, using the apparatus, is acquired and stored in a second memory, and the image is indicated on a display. According to the indication of the image, it is possible to directly identify the user who is illegally using the apparatus.

Additionally, the above technical features of the present invention are not described in nor obvious in view of the secondary reference to Cummer.

CONCLSUION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is submitted that the independent claims 1, 14, and 23 in their respective dependent claim, which inherit the distinctions of the respective independent claims, patentably distinguish over the references, taken in any proper combination.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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